

**FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

(Promotional Class)

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

This class encompasses responsible and skilled fire line positions, the major duties of which include driving assigned apparatus to and from the scene of a fire or emergency, placement of apparatus, and the operation of pumps and other apparatus and equipment at the scene of the fire or other emergency. Fire Equipment Operators perform general care and maintenance of apparatus and equipment, participate in pre-fire planning and inspections, and assist in the extinguishing of fires and administering emergency medical aid. Employees of this class perform routine tasks independently, supervised by and have work reviewed by a Fire Captain. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Responds to both emergency and non-emergency calls according to department procedures. Selects shortest available route to fire or emergency. Drives fire apparatus and fire medic unit making sure to follow all laws and safety regulations. Positions pumper to supply and regulate water to hose lines according to instructions by commanding officer. Makes recommendations to commanding officer as to the number of hose lines, extinguishing agents and nozzles and other fire scene operations. Performs hose operations including deploying, making and breaking connections, advancing, and utilizing various types of nozzles and appliances. Operates pump to build or increase water pressure to supply adequate pressure at the nozzle. Performs automatic sprinkler and standpipe system support operations. Performs truck operations such as operating boom, ladders and other aerial apparatus. Drains, rolls or folds hose sections for carrying and load on apparatus. Operates communications equipment at the emergency scene, requesting additional equipment or personnel when needed.

Performs duties as part of the fire attack and suppression team, emergency medical personnel, or the containment of hazardous materials when not engaged in operating pump or other equipment. Fire scene duties may include performing size-up, fire stream operations, forcible entry, ventilation, salvage and overhaul operations. Conducts search and rescue operations in order to locate and remove trapped victims from burning or collapsed buildings, vehicles, enclosed spaces, or other endangerment

using appropriate tools and techniques. Participates in pre-fire planning, including conducting inspections in both public and private properties, studying hydrant and standpipe locations, gaining knowledge of exposures, occupancy types, and areas of high risk. Performs routine maintenance on fire hydrants and draws preplanning maps and diagrams.

Responds to medical emergency calls such as heart attacks, births, poison ingestion, drug overdose, drownings, and other emergencies. Examines victims for signs of injury or medical alert tag and obtains a comprehensive drug history on the patient to determine the nature and extent of the injury and if special treatment is necessary. Administers first aid, treats minor injuries, and administers medication to victims of fire and accidents either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital. Provides advanced life support services to patients such as conducting and interpreting electrocardiograms, administering endotracheal intubations in airway, administering appropriate intravenous fluids, using defibrillators, and splinting. Observes and documents the effects of the medication administered to the individuals. Operates and interprets monitors and other equipment used to provide emergency medical care. Notifies dispatcher to call for additional emergency medical help when needed.

Performs routine service and maintenance on fire department apparatus, fire medic unit, equipment, and hand tools. Cleans all fire department vehicles and equipment after use and sees that necessary equipment and tools are in working condition and replaced on apparatus as required. Conducts required safety tests to insure compliance with departmental operating standards. Performs daily radio checks. Provides for the maintenance and upkeep of station house and grounds.

Participates in training and/or drills as required by the department. Provides informal or on-the-job training for new employees, and offers technical expertise, assistance, and cooperation in training and firefighting efforts when required.

Compiles data and writes reports. Completes emergency medical records such as patient care records, records of activity, inventory records, and any forms, records, or reports as required.

Performs any related duties assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must possess a valid Louisiana driver's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter for at least one (1) year immediately preceding closing date for application to the board.

Must possess certification as Firefighter II as per NFPA Standards.

Must possess certification as Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator as per NFPA Standards.

Must possess certification as Emergency Medical Technician.

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